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Filed: October 9, 2000

For: Method of Fabricating an Interconnect

Structure Employing Air Gaps Between Metal Lines and Between Metal Layers

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the *Final Office Action* dated July 12, 2005 in the abovereferenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following remarks.